

of the most interesting life-histories I have ever read) has been very ill from blood-poisoning in his arm, which has greatly delayed the progress of his work. He is now, however, I am happy to have been informed, making a good recovery.

Turning from geographical matters to general works we find two publications of great interest to all ornithologists lately issued by the British Museum—the fourth volume of Dr. Bowdler Sharpe's 'Hand-list of Birds' and the third volume of the 'Catalogue of Birds' Eggs.' Owing to the great number of additions made of late years to the list of Passerine Birds, a fifth volume has been found necessary to complete the former work, on the importance of which it is not necessary to descant.

The "Aves" of 'Das Tierreich' is also now showing some signs of progress, a new 'Lieferung,' containing Herr Hellmayr's revision of the *Paridae*, *Sittidae*, and *Certhiidae*, having lately made its appearance. When completed it will be an important work, but I fear few of us will live to witness that event, unless more expedition is shown than is at present apparent.

The Hon. WALTER ROTHSCHILD exhibited an apparently new species of Albatross, which he described as follows:—

+ *THALASSOGERON CARTERI*, n. sp.

Differs from *Thalassogeron chlororhynchus* in having the bill, including the culmen, black, the face and sides of the head white, without the grey tinge of *T. chlororhynchus*, and the feet yellowish white in life, without any blackish colour on the digits and tarsi.

A single male, with an injured wing, was captured alive at Point Cloates, N.W. Australia, on May 12th, 1900, by Mr. Tom Carter. He describes the bill as black, irides black, legs and feet yellowish white. (Type no. T.C. 142 in Mus. Tring.)

Mr. ROTHSCHILD also made remarks on a large collection of birds received from the Island of Hainan. He exhibited specimens of the beautiful *Arboricola ardens*, hitherto only